



Penobscot County Genealogical Society
Penobscot Roots & Connections

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Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, June 21st
Social at Hose 5 Fire Museum, **5:30 pm**
247 State Street

July 19, 2006
Open Research Night, 6:00 pm
LDS Family History Library

August 16, 2006
Tour of Bangor's Mt. Hope Cemetery
with Ryan King

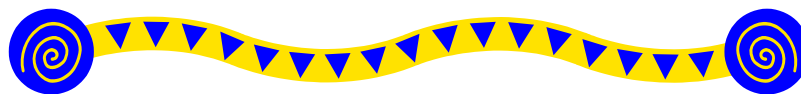
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Articles accepted for publication must be of genealogical nature.

Share your research experiences (your successes and your disappointments) or information about your Penobscot County ancestors.

Submissions should be forwarded to the Newsletter Editor.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello!

Here we are with summer coming and its B-B-Q season! This June's meeting will be held at the Fire Museum (Hose 5) located at 247 State Street in Bangor. That is just up the street from Frank's Bakery for you locals and maybe even those "from away." We will have Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and French Fried Onion Rings with Fresh Strawberry Shortcake for desert. Our meeting time will be a tour of the old firehouse. The firefighters who use to live and work at Hose 5 will share their stories and knowledge of the antique equipment.

Last meeting Roger D'Errico, a Civil War re-enactor, told stories of one or two soldiers from Maine who wrote home before and during the Battle of Fredericksburg describing everyday life. It proved to be an interesting time for those who attended.

Now for the most important item of the summer, The Cookbook Committee has set a goal of 300 recipes for the Family Cookbook. They hope to get it published before Christmas so we are requesting **two** or **more** recipes from **each** member.

These can be family recipes from Grandparents or Parents. Share your family's homemade traditions that you and your family have enjoyed during those special holidays or occasions. Main dish, vegetables, soups, breads and yes, even deserts – **any of your family favorites!**

So please do not put it off -send in those recipes either to Penobscot County Genealogy Society Cookbook, c/o the Bangor Public Library, 145 Harlow Street, Bangor Maine 04401 or E-Mail them to John Nelligan at pcgscooks2@msn.com. It's that easy!

All proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks will be donated to the Bangor Room at the Bangor Public Library to add to the wonderful collection of genealogy and historical materials already there.

Hope to see many of you at the Fire House on the 20th of June for eats and fun.

Best Regards,

Phil

Queries

To post a query, email mepcgs@yahoo.com

NOTE: Nowadays it is difficult to have an e-mail account and not receive SPAM. To help filter the queries from SPAM please type the word *query* at the beginning of the subject field. Thank you!

COOMBS

Elmira COOMBS born Nov. 6, 1827, Blakesburg Plantation (Bradford), to George Coombs married Arthur B. SUTTON about 14 Dec. 1851, Old Town. I am looking for any information on Elmira, whose middle name may have been Mohoney. Can anyone confirm that Elmira is the daughter of George Coombs and Lavina Bither? I have descendant information I am happy to share.

Judy

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RONCO/RANCOURT

We are looking for ancestors Charles Ronco/Rancourt, wife's name Louise Pepin/Lachance possibly came from Quebec, Canada, late 1700's, one son also named Charles married Appoline (not sure of spelling) Mathieu, they had son John Ronco/Rancourt married Malivina Lacasse. Have been told there is some Indian connection, sure which tribe, but believe it may be Penobscot, said their descendants lived on Indian Island, Old town, Maine.

Any information would be greatly appreciated. We are now publishing the family genealogy and this part of the family is still a "Brick Wall"....

Nancy B.

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ELLIOTT

Looking for relation to John W Elliott born 7/16/1846 in Levant ME. Father was Thomas C Elliott born 1820 Industry ME mother was Mary Daggett born 1824 Industry ME John's childhood was spent in Levant.

John served with the 11th Maine Infantry Regiment during Civil War.

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JACKSON PLANTATION

I am searching for info and/or a picture of Jackson Plantation. It was said to be owned by my ancestor EPHRIAM WHITNEY. I will be happy to pay cost to copy any material you can provide.

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KNOWLEN/BOOBER

My ancestors Thomas KNOWLEN and his wife Martha BOOBER initially raised

A family in Levant, Maine. He purchased land in 1800 on the Corinth/Levant line. Their son John was born in 1802 but Levant vital records didn't exist then. Where should I search then for birth records of he and his siblings and also a marriage record for Thomas and Martha?

They were neighbors of a Benjamin BOOBER. It has been proved that Martha is neither a daughter nor a sister of Benjamin's. My speculation that she is his niece or cousin.

Prior to coming back to Maine, the Benjamin Boober family resided in Maugerville, Sunbury, New Brunswick. Benjamin was born in Georgetown, Sagadahoc, Maine and his wife Abigail CAMPBELL was born in New Brunswick. Benjamin and his family appear in the 1790 census of Condukeag Plantation, Maine.

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GILLPATRICK

Could "my" Thomas W. GILLPATRICK (b. 22 May 1822 in Ohio) have been the son of Benjamin GILLPATRICK and Lydia CROSS who were mentioned in an earlier query? (The submitter's email did not work now.) Thomas' parents apparently left Maine for Ohio between 1820 and 1822. Both Thomas and a Benjamin GILLPATRICK were present in White Co., Indiana, between about

1844 and 1848. Also, a Jacob GILLPATRICK of the right age to be Thomas' brother was living in nearby Warren Co., Indiana, in 1850, as was Thomas. Thomas married Mary Catherine RANDLES in nearby Tippecanoe Co., Indiana in 1851 and died there in 1873. I am searching for his parentage.

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PAGE

Trying to determine relationship amongst members of this PAGE family:

1790 census of Condukeag Plantation

PAGE, Isaac, James, Joseph, & Joseph, Jr.

1800 census of Eddington Plantation

PAGE, Isaac

1800 census of Colburn

PAGE, James, Joseph, and Joseph, Jr.

1800 census of Bangor

PAGE, Stephen

1810 census of Bangor

PAGE, Joseph, Sarah, and Stephen

1820 census of Orono

PAGE, James, Joseph, Stephen, &

Stephen, Jr.

My ggggg-grandparents Isaac Pishion and Thankful Page were married 24 July 1804 in Eddington Plantation which suggests a possible relationship Between Thankful and Isaac Page. Census data indicates that these PAGEs came from Rhode Island. Would Like to know who was Thankful's father and was Thankful's grandfather on these PAGEs? When Thankful died in 1861 in Hinsdale, Berkshire, Massachusetts she was listed as 75 which suggests she was born around 1786. The Revolutionary Pension record indicates she was born in Orono, Maine. Thank you to anyone who has these answers, Dan Walker

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BOOTHBY

Looking for Laura A Boothby maybe Native American as the story goes.

Born about 1841 in Bangor? Penobscot?

Thanks

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Check out the salaries of State Government Officials....in 1903!

<http://geneasearch.com/state1903/states.htm>

A MINOR SAGA .. the rest of the story. [really]

John Nelligan and I, as first cousins, are removed several times as cousins to Pat. His great-grandfather, and ours, were almost certainly brothers, if not brothers, then first cousins. Neither case has been established as fact. The records we have uncovered in St. Mary's Church in Dingle does establish our grandfather's baptism and his parent's marriage, but because of the numerous similar names, Michael, John, Patrick, etc. in this, and other Nelligan families, all born in Ballyvonig, County Kerry, we can't be sure of our exact relationship. Since Cromwell's march through Ireland, almost two centuries earlier, the destruction of records, public facilities, homes, and anything Catholic, compounded by the continuing abject poverty of the inhabitants, little was retained of personnel history, or was there much tendency to later record it.

This was brought home to Carol and I on that earlier visit when we enlisted Patrick Lynch, the clerk at St. Mary's, to assist us in searching the church records. He pointed out the scant evidence of individual existence earlier than about 1830. I asked about gravestones. He laughed and answered, "Sure, they didn't have the money for gravestones." I asked about names and records in Bibles. He looked at us, in surprise, and explained something we already knew, but hadn't thought about in the context of genealogy "They had no Bibles. They couldn't read" That, brutally, sums up the history of the Irish in those years.

It made me think of my Grandfather, who was also John Nelligan's, sitting by the window overlooking Mt. Hope Ave. practicing writing his name, his signature, in place of the "X" so many used. Like millions of others he had been, by English law, prevented from attending school in Ireland.

Pat, the Music Director, the owner of the B&B, tended to short change his dedicated endeavors while we were in his house, favoring conversations about Nelligan history, and those who were looking into it. This resulted in frequent reminders from his wife's very audible mutterings from the kitchen, that there was work to be done, as Pat sat with us in the solarium. As further neglect, he chauffeured us about the outlying countryside in his Mercedes to spots of Nelligan interest, specifically to the area that was once the Nelligan farmland in Ballyvonig. The original Nelligan

stone cottages were still standing, now used as farm sheds, with the tiny windows further evidence of those days when taxes were assessed in accordance with the size of the openings. Our grandfather and his brothers and sisters were undoubtedly born in one of them.

We were unable to locate the new clerk at St. Mary's, Patrick Lynch having retired. That left us to our own devices, and at the mercy of a young curate on the church staff. Although very pleasant, he didn't have the slightest interest, or knowledge, in our fumbling search through the files. We found nothing new.

During our short visit to the Nelligan farm area, we noticed a modest, but modern, house on the grounds. Pat informed us it was the residence of a Mike Nelligan, who actively farmed on the land, although it was now owned by another family. When we expressed an interest in talking with Mike, Pat discouraged it, saying that Mike was an "odd ball", a character best to avoid. Pat was obviously concerned that we would pursue the issue, so we dropped it.

It so happened that a later American visitor of the Nelligan clan, staying in Pat's B&B, on noticing the modern house, was apparently more aggressive in her approach. While she was there with Pat, a horse drawn wagon started out toward a gate. It was Mike, with his housekeeper sitting on the tail end. As they approached the gate she hopped down, opened the gate, closing it when the rig passed, and jumped back on.

The visitor hailed him, "Mike, may I take your picture?"

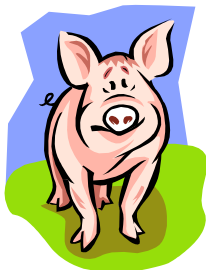
"You may," he replied, very nicely.

That, of course, whetted her interest in Mike. She probed and learned a little more.

Some time earlier, of an evening, Mike felt the need for socialization. Where else to go, but Nelligan's pub in Dingle? It had been operated for years by Pat's mother and father, but was now leased to another party. Mike was at the bar, seated amidst a large group. The members of which started to sniff the strong aroma that Mike exuded, fresh from his pig farm. They complained. The barkeep convinced Mike to leave, peacefully. He did, but it wasn't long before the door flew open, and Mike appeared with a bucket of slop. He shouted, "So, ye didn't like me smell, did ye, then try this," as he sloshed the bucket's contents across the floor.

The lesson here; don't push a man too hard. As humble and unassuming as your Program Manager, John Nelligan, may be, consider his genealogical inheritance. After all, he has a small farm on outer Essex St. Be careful. He might, for all I know, raise pigs.

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GenBytes

by Dale Mower

Do you have Canadian ancestors?

Many of us have roots that reach back into Canada. The first thought may be Franco-American heritage, but many other ethnic groups settled in Canada. And let's not forget those Loyalist ancestors that migrated to Canada after the Revolutionary War. For many of the families that settled in Canada, subsequent generations are found crossing the border and settling in Maine.

For New Brunswick research, the ultimate web site for research is that of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. It is located at

<http://archives.gnb.ca/>. The site has searchable databases of a variety of government records, including Records of Old Revolutionary Soldiers and their Widows, Index to Land Grants, and Vital Statistics among others. There is also a very extensive database of cemetery records that I have found very helpful. The site also provides County Guides to assist the researcher in knowing what types of records and their location are available for each county.

Census records as we know can offer a rich source of information. Remember, the Mormon Church has a fully searchable transcription of the 1881 Canadian Census on their website at

www.familysearch.org. 1851 Census images have recently become available at the Library and Archives Canada website. The collection is only able to be searched by geographic location, not searchable by family name. The images are very good quality and I was able to locate some of my ancestors in Northampton, New Brunswick. The address for this database is

www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1851/index-e.html. The Library and Archives Canada website also has images of the 1901 census. To access those, go to

www.collectionscanada.ca/02/020122_e.html.

Of course, I would also recommend checking out the Canada GenWeb project. This is a sister site of the USGenWeb project. A completely volunteer project, you can access geographical areas – by province and then by county level. A great place to see what resources are available, post queries, and access a wide variety of databases. The address to get to this project is

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~canwgv/>.

MAINE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S
30TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

The Date: Saturday, October 14, 2006

The Place: Verrillo's Convention Center, Portland Maine

There is a limit of 200 spaces for the conference this year so it is important to register early! Another great line up of speakers and interest is high. Check out www.maineroots.org for the latest details and to printout a registration form or ask for brochures at your local society's meeting. Below is an excerpt from the website:

We are please to announce that our featured speaker will be John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. John Philip Colletta is one of America's most popular genealogical lecturers. Entertaining, knowledgeable and experienced, he is based in Washington, DC, where he conducts workshops for the National Archives and teaches courses for the Smithsonian Institution and local universities. His publications include two manuals -- They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record and Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans -- and numerous how-to articles . His latest book -- Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath -- is a history of the German-speaking merchants of the Mississippi Delta during Reconstruction. Dr. Colletta has appeared on local and national radio and television, is featured in Episode Four of "Ancestors," the ten-part KBYU-TV series, as well as its sequel aired in 2000.

<p style="text-align: center;">9:00 - 9:00 Registration and Browsing Time</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 - 9:15 Welcome Address</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:15 - 10:15 General Session Our National Archives: An Introduction and Overview presented by John Philip Colletta</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30 - 11:30 Breakout Sessions Local History in Federal Records with Horace H. Waters or Widowed Mothers, Metes & Bounds, Marks and Dowers, Witnesses & Executions: Getting the Most Out of Deed Research with Joseph C. Anderson II or Sprucing Up Grandpa: Caring for Gravestones with Cheryl Willis Patten or Beginners' Session: How to Begin with Howard Faulkner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:40 - 12:00 Maine Genealogical Society Annual Meeting <i>Sit in on the annual meeting, visit with friends or vendors</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:00 - 1:30 Lunch Pruning Your Family Tree:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">What to do with Unwanted Ancestors presented by John Philip Colletta</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1:45 - 2:45 Breakout Sessions Military Pension & Bounty Land Records with John Philip Colletta or Passenger Lists and Canadian Border Crossings with Horace H. Waters or No Name, Changed Names, Two Names, Same Names: Case Studies in Genealogical Problem Solving with Joseph C. Anderson II or Beginners' Session: How to Organize & Common Resources with Howard Faulkner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3:00 - 4:00 Breakout Sessions Turning Biographical Facts into Real Life Events with John Philip Colletta or Researching Your Loyalist Ancestor with Paul Bunnell or What's In Your Courthouse Closet with Helen A. Shaw or Beginners' Sessions: Genealogy and the Computer with Howard Faulkner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:15 - 4:45 Door Prize Giveaway, Closing Remarks</p>
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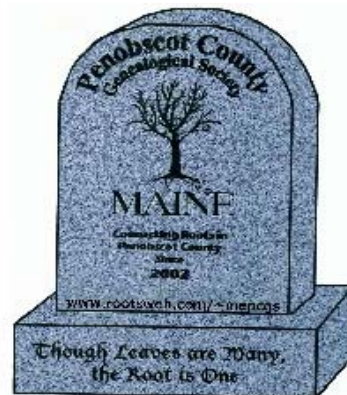
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